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## **UNION, HENDERSON AND DAVIESS LEAD STATE IN CORN PRODUCTION**

Union was the top producing corn county in Kentucky for the 2014 crop season. During 2014, Union County produced 15,369,000 bushels of corn from 82,200 acres harvested for grain with a yield of 187.0 bushels per acre. Henderson County was second in production with 14,730,000 bushels followed by Daviess County with 12,956,000 bushels. Other counties with ten million bushels of production or more included Christian and Graves. The highest yielding county was Ohio with 199.1 bushels per acre. Corn for grain production was estimated at 225.9 million bushels, down 7 percent from the 2013 crop. Yield for Kentucky was estimated at 158.0 bushels per acre, down 12 bushels from last year. Acreage harvested for grain at 1.43 million acres, was unchanged from the 2013 crop. Corn production for the Nation was estimated at 14.2 billion bushels, up 3 percent from 2013.

## **HENDERSON, DAVIESS AND GRAVES TOP SOYBEAN PRODUCING COUNTIES**

Henderson County was the leading soybean production county in Kentucky with 4,574,000 bushels of soybeans. Production came from 83,400 acres harvested with a yield of 54.8 bushels per acre. Daviess County was second in production with 4,075,000 bushels followed by Graves County with 3,564,000 bushels. Boyle County was the highest yielding county with 57.1 bushels per acre. Soybean production was estimated at 84.0 million bushels, up 1 percent from the 2013 crop. Yield was estimated at 48.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushel from last year. Acreage harvested as beans was estimated at 1.75 million acres, up 90,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean production totaled 3.97 billion bushels, up 18 percent from 2013.

## **CHRISTIAN, LOGAN AND TODD WERE THE TOP THREE WHEAT COUNTIES**

Christian County produced 5,601,000 bushels of winter wheat and was the leading wheat producing county in Kentucky during the 2014 crop season. Yield for the county averaged 80.9 bushels per acre with production harvested from 69,200 acres. Logan County was second in production with 4,237,000 bushels while Todd County was third with 3,130,000 bushels. Todd County was the top yielding county with 81.3 bushels per acre. Winter wheat production was estimated at 36.2 million bushels, down 21 percent from the 2013 crop. Farmers harvested 510,000 acres for grain, 100,000 acres less than in 2013. Yield was estimated at 71.0 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last year. U.S. winter wheat production was estimated at 1.38 billion bushels, down 11 percent from the 2013 crop.

**COUNTY ESTIMATES - 2014 <sup>1</sup>**

Cnty/Dist/St	Corn		Soybeans		Wheat		Cnty/Dist/St	Corn		Soybeans		Wheat	
	Harvest <sup>2</sup>	Yield	Harvest <sup>2</sup>	Yield	Harvest <sup>2</sup>	Yield		Harvest <sup>2</sup>	Yield	Harvest <sup>2</sup>	Yield	Harvest <sup>2</sup>	Yield
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bu/Ac</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bu/Ac</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bu/Ac</i>		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bu/Ac</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bu/Ac</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bu/Ac</i>
<b>Purchase</b>							Anderson	--	--	590	43.9	--	--
Ballard	--	--	--	--	17,300	61.3	Bath	1,470	141.5	7,400	36.5	--	--
Calloway	31,500	140.3	50,800	38.3	21,700	58.3	Bourbon	4,970	168.8	11,600	53.4	1,430	63.8
Carlisle	28,100	171.9	31,100	42.6	10,000	60.0	Boyle	3,790	170.2	3,850	57.1	--	--
Fulton	27,500	186.1	52,700	50.9	13,100	62.2	Clark	2,900	146.6	6,000	49.5	190	54.2
Graves	74,100	147.0	85,900	41.5	31,100	59.0	Fayette	2,410	158.5	6,600	52.6	--	--
Hickman	46,400	172.1	48,300	46.9	21,500	63.7	Fleming	--	--	17,200	45.9	350	55.7
Livingston	--	--	--	--	3,300	50.0	Franklin	1,460	138.4	2,480	54.4	--	--
Lyon	--	--	--	--	--	--	Garrard	1,150	143.5	1,680	46.7	--	--
Mccracken	15,400	160.8	21,700	42.5	--	--	Harrison	4,230	168.3	5,200	56.0	400	59.5
Marshall	11,200	104.0	21,800	39.8	--	--	Jessamine	620	154.2	2,370	47.7	--	--
Trigg	26,500	115.1	23,700	40.3	16,200	71.0	Lincoln	--	--	9,900	49.2	180	60.6
Other cntys	53,800	171.6	75,000	49.3	19,800	50.8	Madison	1,350	156.3	1,170	49.7	--	--
<b>Midwestern</b>	698,000	162.1	728,000	48.2	282,000	77.5	Mason	9,120	148.1	10,400	49.2	280	48.9
Caldwell	31,600	151.2	36,500	49.2	20,800	76.2	Mercer	--	--	--	--	--	--
Christian	84,600	147.9	80,700	41.5	69,200	80.9	Montgomery	1,950	130.8	--	--	--	--
Crittenden	--	--	--	--	5,600	70.9	Nicholas	1,680	153.0	1,870	49.1	--	--
Daviess	70,000	185.1	76,100	53.5	13,500	81.0	Robertson	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hancock	--	--	--	--	--	--	Scott	2,730	148.4	4,300	49.5	620	71.8
Henderson	82,700	178.1	83,400	54.8	5,400	63.7	Shelby	18,100	160.8	28,900	52.9	2,270	70.5
Hopkins	--	--	--	--	--	--	Spencer	3,750	174.9	7,800	55.3	--	--
Logan	60,500	132.6	71,700	35.3	54,000	78.5	Washington	--	--	--	--	--	--
McLean	46,300	183.7	50,600	55.3	11,900	73.9	Woodford	1,900	154.2	3,850	53.5	380	63.4
Muhlenberg	--	--	21,200	47.9	3,200	57.2	Other cntys	26,420	157.8	17,340	52.4	6,700	70.9
Ohio	31,400	199.1	37,200	54.6	2,000	73.5	<b>Eastern/Mtn</b>	30,000	157.3	49,500	49.9	7,100	66.6
Simpson	41,300	125.0	45,000	40.7	34,100	76.9	Bell	--	--	--	--	--	--
Todd	50,100	130.0	49,200	47.5	38,500	81.3	Boyd	--	--	--	--	--	--
Union	82,200	187.0	54,400	55.6	13,000	64.8	Breathitt	--	--	--	--	--	--
Webster	43,800	158.0	43,200	47.0	5,100	74.5	Carter	770	100.0	--	--	--	--
Other cntys	73,500	155.7	78,800	47.4	5,700	70.7	Clay	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Central</b>	278,000	150.3	378,500	50.3	52,300	69.9	Elliott	--	--	--	--	--	--
Adair	5,790	155.6	9,340	54.2	940	74.5	Estill	990	145.5	1,390	44.4	--	--
Allen	--	--	--	--	--	--	Floyd	--	--	--	--	--	--
Barren	21,200	158.0	29,900	53.0	1,700	68.8	Greenup	910	160.4	--	--	--	--
Breckinridge	22,400	152.1	33,900	50.4	3,800	54.2	Harlan	--	--	--	--	--	--
Bullitt	2,150	149.8	--	--	--	--	Jackson	--	--	--	--	--	--
Butler	18,500	170.4	22,800	55.7	--	--	Johnson	--	--	--	--	--	--
Casey	7,130	146.7	7,000	47.0	580	56.0	Knott	--	--	--	--	--	--
Clinton	950	180.0	1,680	56.5	--	--	Knox	650	122.2	--	--	--	--
Cumberland	2,190	179.9	--	--	--	--	Laurel	--	--	800	39.8	--	--
Edmonson	2,960	155.4	11,300	54.2	--	--	Lawrence	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grayson	11,600	130.5	--	--	2,150	57.2	Lee	--	--	--	--	--	--
Green	9,230	132.5	11,400	55.2	--	--	Leslie	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hardin	30,700	146.1	39,500	47.0	5,400	64.8	Letcher	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hart	6,000	131.0	11,500	50.9	--	--	Lewis	1,250	145.6	9,270	49.5	--	--
Jefferson	--	--	--	--	--	--	Mccreary	--	--	--	--	--	--
Larue	22,700	142.7	29,200	47.5	2,800	74.3	Magoffin	--	--	--	--	--	--
Marion	12,700	145.2	18,300	53.6	2,200	73.2	Martin	--	--	--	--	--	--
Meade	17,800	174.0	19,700	53.4	3,900	64.4	Menifee	--	--	--	--	--	--
Metcalfe	4,290	162.0	6,200	56.9	--	--	Morgan	--	--	--	--	--	--
Monroe	6,190	159.9	6,630	51.3	750	62.3	Owsley	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nelson	--	--	20,600	48.8	5,700	76.8	Perry	--	--	--	--	--	--
Russell	3,150	152.4	7,120	54.9	250	67.2	Pike	--	--	--	--	--	--
Taylor	10,800	168.5	15,000	53.3	--	--	Powell	660	97.7	--	--	--	--
Warren	32,700	133.2	37,700	45.8	16,500	75.6	Pulaski	11,800	174.5	15,900	52.8	4,250	63.8
Other cntys	26,870	151.0	39,730	45.9	5,630	68.7	Rockcastle	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Northern</b>	19,500	149.2	32,500	46.7	1,800	53.9	Rowan	1,050	153.3	--	--	--	--
Boone	--	--	3,090	48.5	--	--	Wayne	5,780	176.5	9,200	50.5	2,350	76.2
Bracken	950	130.5	--	--	--	--	Whitley	--	--	--	--	--	--
Campbell	500	144.4	--	--	--	--	Wolfe	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carroll	--	--	--	--	--	--	Other cntys	6,140	128.0	12,940	47.5	500	46.0
Gallatin	770	153.2	--	--	--	--	<b>Other Dist</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grant	410	136.1	--	--	--	--	<b>Kentucky</b>	1,430,000	158.0	1,750,000	48.0	510,000	71.0
Henry	7,540	148.7	9,200	44.8	--	--							
Kenton	--	--	--	--	--	--							
Oldham	2,890	161.6	4,650	49.2	570	61.4							
Owen	880	144.3	1,560	51.6	--	--							
Pendleton	760	138.2	2,400	56.3	--	--							
Trimble	1,140	171.1	4,790	47.0	--	--							
Other cntys	3,660	143.4	6,810	41.9	1,230	50.4							

<sup>1</sup> Counties not meeting NASS publication standards (*denoted by "--"*) are combined and shown under "Other cntys" and included in State totals. <sup>2</sup> Harvested for Grain. <sup>3</sup> USDA NASS Kentucky county estimates can be viewed on-line at the following url address: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Kentucky/Publications/County\\_Estimates/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Kentucky/Publications/County_Estimates/index.asp)

**ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY 2013-2014**  
**KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2013 <sup>1</sup>	2014	2013 <sup>1</sup>	2014	2013 <sup>1</sup>	2014	2013 <sup>1</sup>	2014	14 % of 13
	KENTUCKY								
	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(000 bu)	(000 bu)	%
Corn <sup>2</sup>	1,530	1,520	1,430	1,430	170.0	158.0	243,100	225,940	93
Soybeans <sup>2</sup>	1,670	1,760	1,660	1,750	50.0	48.0	83,000	84,000	101
Wheat, Winter <sup>23</sup>	700	630	610	510	75.0	71.0	45,750	36,210	79
	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(tons)	(tons)	(000 tons)	(000 tons)	%
Hay:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	2,400	2,265	2.29	2.10	5,500	4,761	87
Alfalfa	--	--	200	165	3.30	3.40	660	561	85
Other, All	--	--	2,200	2,100	2.20	2.00	4,840	4,200	87
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(000 pounds)	(000 pounds)	%
Tobacco:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	87,200	91,700	2,147	2,337	187,240	214,280	114
Burley	--	--	74,000	76,000	2,000	2,150	148,000	163,400	110
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	9,000	10,700	3,100	3,400	27,900	36,380	130
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	4,200	5,000	2,700	2,900	11,340	14,500	128
	UNITED STATES								
	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(000 bu)	(000 bu)	%
Corn <sup>2</sup>	95,365	90,597	87,451	83,136	158.1	171.0	13,828,964	14,215,532	103
Soybeans <sup>2</sup>	76,840	83,701	76,253	83,061	44.0	47.8	3,357,984	3,968,823	118
Wheat, Winter <sup>23</sup>	43,230	42,399	32,650	32,304	47.3	42.6	1,542,902	1,377,526	89
	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(tons)	(tons)	(000 tons)	(000 tons)	%
Hay:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	57,897	57,092	2.33	2.45	135,002	139,798	104
Alfalfa	--	--	17,673	18,445	3.24	3.33	57,217	61,446	107
Other, All	--	--	40,224	38,647	1.93	2.03	77,785	78,352	101
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(000 pounds)	(000 pounds)	%
Tobacco:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	355,675	378,360	2,034	2,316	723,579	876,415	121
Burley	--	--	99,000	101,500	1,944	2,100	192,465	213,160	111
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	16,250	18,630	3,101	3,175	50,388	59,146	117
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	5,200	6,150	2,652	2,844	13,790	17,490	127

Commodities with estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). <sup>1</sup>Revisions possible. <sup>2</sup> Area harvested represents grain. <sup>3</sup> Includes area planted preceding fall.

**Kentucky Principal Crops by Value of Production, 2013-2014**

Commodity	Unit	2013 Crop Year <sup>1</sup>		2014 Crop Year <sup>2</sup>		14 Value as % of 13 Value
		Price (Dollars)	Value (\$1,000)	Price (Dollars)	Value (\$1,000)	
Corn (for grain)	BU	4.67	1,135,277	3.75	847,275	75
Soybeans	BU	13.10	1,087,300	10.60	890,400	82
Hay, All (baled)	TON	121.00	609,840	116.00	491,451	81
Tobacco, All	LB	2.160	404,348	2.159	462,730	114
Wheat, All	BU	6.57	300,578	5.45	197,345	66

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary.

# MILK PRODUCTION

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during January totaled 16.5 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from January 2014. December revised production at 16.3 billion pounds, was up 3.4 percent from December 2013. The December revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

**Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,918 pounds for January, 17 pounds above January 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of January since the 23 State series began in 2003.

**The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 103,000 head more than January 2014, and 8,000 head more than December 2014.

**Internet Access:** Data including this report are available free of charge on our Internet homepage located at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ky>. Links to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the University of Kentucky Agricultural Weather Center and other web sites related to Kentucky Agriculture are also included. National & State reports and data are available on the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service homepage located at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

**Crop Average Prices Received**

Commodity	Kentucky			U.S.
	Feb 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Feb 2015
	Entire Month		Mid-Month <sup>1</sup>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
All Corn (Bu) <sup>23</sup>	4.65	4.05		
Soybeans (Bu) <sup>2</sup>	13.50	10.60		
Winter Wheat (Bu) <sup>2</sup>	(4)	(4)		
Hay, Alfalfa (Ton)	195.00	200.00		
Hay, Other (Ton)	95.00	100.00		

<sup>1</sup> Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. <sup>2</sup> Includes contract sales paid during month. <sup>3</sup> Includes yellow and white corn. <sup>4</sup> Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately.

**Livestock Average Prices Received <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	United States		
	Feb 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015
	Entire Mon		Mid-Mon <sup>2</sup>
	\$ / Cwt.	\$ / Cwt.	\$ / Cwt.
All Hogs	65.50	57.40	
Barrows & Gilts	65.60	57.70	
Sows	63.40	48.00	
All Beef Cattle <sup>3</sup>	144.00	164.00	
Steers & Heifers <sup>4</sup>	145.00	166.00	
Cows	95.40	112.00	
Calves <sup>5</sup>	209.00	288.00	

<sup>1</sup> U.S. prices based on data provided by USDA AMS. <sup>2</sup> Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. <sup>3</sup> "Steers & Heifers" and "Cows" combined. <sup>4</sup> 500 lbs. and over. <sup>5</sup> Under 500 lbs.